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For: A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR EXCHANGING DATA PACKETS OF ATM CONNECTIONS AND METHODS AND NETWORK NODES FOR THIS COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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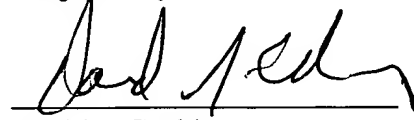
One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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